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1. LUNS SUPPORTS THE US IN PARIS SPEECH

IN A SPEECH IN PARIS TO THE FRENCH ACADEMY OF MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE NOVEMBER 12, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS SAID THAT TIES BETWEEN THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE ARE BASED ON A COMMON INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL HERIT AS WELL AS SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUED THREAT POSED BY THE USSR. HE UNDERSCORED THE NECESSITY OF US TROOPS IN EUROPE AND THE NEED FOR THE EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MAKE A GREATER DEFENSE EFFORT. LUNS ALSO REMARKED THAT THE US DID NOT HAVE A BAD RECORD OF CONSULTATION WITH ITS NATO ALLIES ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR AND NOTED THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFLICT, THE EUROPEAN ALLIES CLEARLY SIGNALLED THEIR DESIRE NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PARIS 29265, 11/13.

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2. EUROPEAN DEMARCHE TO ARABS EXPECTED SHORTLY

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A GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY COPENHAGEN THAT THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS WORKING ON A PROPOSED DEMARCHE TO THE ARABS. ITS TEXT IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE EC-NINE'S MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION, AND REFLECTS A GROWING IRRITATION WITH THE ARABS AMONG SOME EUROPEANS. THE SOURCE PREDICTED THE DEMARCHE WILL BE DELIVERED AFTER THE NOVEMBER 20 MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS, ITS TIMING DESIGNED TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS A HIGH-LEVEL ACT UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) COPENHAGEN 2860, 11/14.

3. BAHRAIN AMIR UNHAPPY ABOUT MIDEASTFOR NOTICE

BAHRAIN AMIR SHAIKH ISA TOLD CHARGE STEIN ON NOVEMBER 13 THAT HE WANTS "THE CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH THE US." HE SAID HE WAS MOST UNHAPPY ABOUT CANCELING THE US NAVY STATIONING AGREEMENT AND WISHED THE US TO KNOW THAT THIS WAS FORCED BY EVENTS AT THAT TIME. THE AMIR SPOKE SCORNFULLY OF THOSE MINISTERS WHOSE FEARS AND EXCITEMENT CAUSED THE DICISION AND EXPRESSED CONTEMPT FOR THE IRAQIS, WHO HE SAID THREATENED TO BOMB BAHRAIN'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE AMIR INDICATED THE DEPARTURE NOTICE TO MIDEASTFOR WAS BY NO MEANS FINAL AND THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE WORKED OUT. STEIN COMMENTS THAT THE AMIR'S STATEMENTS AND THOSE OF HIS BROTHER, PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH KHALIFA, SUGGEST THEY ARE DETERMINED TO REVERSE THE BAHRAIN OVERNMENT'S NOTICE TO THE NAVY. (SECRET) MANAMA 719, 11/14 (EXDIS).

4. KUWAITI VIEWS ON CURRENT OIL ISSUES

A SENIOR KUWAITI OIL OFFICIAL HAS INDICATED TO EMBASSY KUWAIT THAT THE TIME IS PROBABLY AT HAND WHEN THE ARAB OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO LET UP SOMEWHAT ON THEIR USE OF OIL AS A WEAPON. HE BELIEVES THE ARABS WILL BE WILLING TO EASE THEIR EMBARGOES AND PRODUCTION CUTS AS SOON AS SOME REASONABLE PROGRESS ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE HAS BEEN REACHED. THE OFFICIAL

ALSO PREDICTED SURPRISES IN STORE ON PRICES AT THE VIENNA OPEC MEETING NOVEMBER 16-17, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. (SECRET) KUWAIT 4028, 11/14.

5. PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT ME PEACE TALKS

A LEBANESE OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY BEIRUT THAT ALL ARAB STATES EXCEPT LIBYA, IRAQ, AND JORDAN FAVOR THE

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INCLUSION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) IN PEACE TALKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. LIBYA AND IRAQ OPPOSE PLO PARTICIPATION IN A SETTLEMENT BECAUSE THIS WOULD IMPLY THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL, WHILE JORDAN OBJECTS BECAUSE SHE CONSIDERS HERSELF THE SOLE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINE PEOPLE. ARAB GOVERNMENTS WILL SEEK TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR PLO PARTICIPATION DURING

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' AND SUMMIT MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN ALGIERS LATER THIS MONTH. (CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 13109, 11/14.

6. "OIL IS NOW HARD CURRENCY"

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT SOVIET CRUDE OIL DELIVERIES TO WESTERN EUROPE ARE SLOWING DOWN. FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, AND BELGIUM HAVE BEEN AFFECTED SO FAR. FRANCE HAS HAD A SHORTFALL OF 1.5 MILLION TONS. THE SOVIETS MAY BE FACING ENERGY PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY MAY BE HOLDING BACK ON SHORT TERM DELIVERIES IN ORDER TO RENEGOTIATE CONTRACTS AT HIGHER PRICES. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 14213, 11/14.

7. RUPEE SETTLEMENT NEAR

AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN REPORTS FROM NEW DELHI THAT A SETTLE-MENT IN THE CURRENT RUPEE NEGOTIATIONS IS EXPECTED SHORTLY. AGREEMENT ON A MAINTENANCE OF VALUE CLAUSE IS THE ONLY REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUE, AND THE AMBASSADOR IS OPTIMISTIC THIS CAN BE QUICKLY RESOLVED. HE SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR THE US AND INDIA TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BEFORE SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV ARRIVES IN NEW DELHI THE WEEK AFTER NEXT. (CONFIDENTIAL) NEW

DELHI 13201, 11/14.

8. MEXICO EXPECTED TO PUSH CANAL ZONE ISSUE IN BOGOTA

EMBASSY MEXICO PREDICTS THAT MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA WILL PUSH FOR A LATIN AMERICAN CONSENSUS ON THE CANAL ZONE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA. ON HIS ARRIVAL, RABASA DECLARED AT THE AIRPORT THAT MEXICO WOULD MAKE AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR PANAMA WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONE, AND CALLED THE ISSUE A "COMMON CAUSE OF THE AMERICAS" EVEN THOUGH PANAMA AND THE US MUST SETTLE THE PROBLEM BILATERALLY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MEXICO 8565, AND BOGOTA 9316, 11/14. RUSH

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